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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

SCHOOL YEAR AND HOLIDAYS
Sept. 5th, 1944, to June 29th, 1945

PROVISIONS OF THE SCHOOL ACTS

The school year shall consist of two terms, the first of which shall begin on the first Tuesday of September following Labour Day and shall end on the 22nd day of December, and the second of which shall begin on the 3rd day of January and end on the 29th day of June.

When the 3rd day of January is a Friday, the schools shall not be opened until the following Monday, and when the 29th day of June or the 22nd day of December is a Monday, the schools shall be closed on the preceding Friday.

Every Saturday, every public holiday, the week following Easter Day, and every day proclaimed a holiday by the authorities of the municipality in which the teacher is engaged, and every day upon which a school is closed under the provisions of The Public Health Act, or the regulations of the Department of Education shall be a school holiday.

HOLIDAYS

2. The following are the holidays in the schools during the school year 1944-45:
   (1) Thanksgiving Day
   (2) Remembrance Day — November 11th.
   (3) December 23rd - 31st, inclusive — part of Christmas vacation.
   (4) The first two days of January — part of Christmas vacation.
   (5) Easter holidays — March 30th - April 8th — both days included.
   (6) Victoria Day — May 24th.
   (7) The Anniversary of the King's Birthday.
   (8) Summer vacation — June 30th - September 3rd, both days included.

DATES OF OPENING AND CLOSING OF SCHOOLS

3. The following are the dates of the opening and closing of the High, Continuation, Public and Separate Schools:

Open	September 5th	Close	December 22nd
Reopen	January 3rd	Close	March 29th
Reopen	April 9th	Close	June 29th.

NUMBER OF TEACHING DAYS

4. In the High, Continuation, Public and Separate Schools, the number of teaching days is as follows:

September	19	January	21
October	22	February	20
November	22	March	21
December	16	April	16
	—	May	22
	79	June	21
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			121
		Total	200

P.S.: As the exact dates of the Anniversary of the King's Birthday and Thanksgiving Day have not yet been proclaimed, the deduction has not been made from the above. The total number of teaching days for the academic year will be 198.

Number of teaching days for *calendar year* 1944 — 199; for *calendar year* 1945 — 198.

NOTE:—Please place this form in your Register.

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MEMORANDUM

For Secondary School Boards and Principals

RE DATE OF THE RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS SEPTEMBER, 1944

The Minister of Education announces that a Board of Trustees may close any secondary school or grade under its control for a period not exceeding four weeks after the statutory date of re-opening, September 5, 1944, to permit the pupils of such school or grade to help in harvesting, processing, preserving and canning food. Every Board which closes a school or grade under this authority shall notify the Minister of the action it has taken.

As the nation's food supply is a matter of the utmost importance to ourselves and our allies, the Minister asks each Board to consider how it may best co-operate with food producing agencies, and urges it to take advantage of the authority herein granted to it, if it discovers that its pupils are needed to help in increasing our food supply.

Pupils who are enrolled in schools or grades which are not closed and who during the summer holidays were employed in essential work connected with the food supply and whose services are required further are asked to remain at their work during September. The principals and teachers of these pupils, who are rendering patriotic services, are expected to make special provisions for them on their return to school to enable them to overtake the school work they have missed. The principals will report the names of these pupils who are seeking departmental certificates so that they may be referred to the Special Revising Board for such action as may be possible if they should fail in the examinations of 1945. The policy being adopted in the larger schools of placing these pupils who were absent during part or all of September together in special forms is commended.

So that there may be no loss of grants to Boards principals and teachers shall register the attendance of the pupils of schools or grades closed and of pupils working under the conditions referred to in the preceding paragraph as if such pupils were actually in attendance at school.

Except as stated herein all elementary and secondary schools of the Provincial system will re-open on September 5, 1944.

TORONTO, April 4, 1944.